

WILLINGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE



December 2005

Cambridgeshire Police Press Release

Police are warning people to be on their guard following a number of distraction burglaries that have taken place across the county. The following was recorded in relation to Willingham.

Two males pretending to be students selling items, showed ID, gained entry, asked to use the toilet and items were found disturbed in the bedroom later. Householder was sold a packet of handkerchiefs (£10) before leaving.

Points to remember:-

- if you are at home or away – keep all doors LOCKED some callers will just walk in uninvited
- STOP – are you expecting anyone?
- before opening the door make sure the back door is locked
- look through the spy hole or window before answering the door and PUT THE CHAIN ON before opening the door. This will stop the caller from just walking in
- while the chain is on check the caller's ID and check it carefully. Genuine callers will not mind waiting while you do this

If you are still not sure after checking that the caller is genuine contact the police by dialling 999 straight away.

Tips

- security devices such as door-chains and bars will give you more time to think and can deter bogus callers from entering the property
- anyone (not selling fresh produce) selling door to door should have a valid Pedlars Certificate signed by a Police Divisional Commander (or higher rank)
- many organisations have password schemes (gas utility companies) and freephone hotlines to check the identification of their staff
- remember – when possible use the number advertised in the phone book or on a recent bill – the number given by the caller may be false.



An attractive Christmas Present

'The Wallpaintings of Willingham' describes, with full colour plates, the unique range of 34 medieval wallpaintings in Willingham Church.

It explains in detail why, how and when they came to be painted between the 13th and 17th centuries, preserved under limewash for 350 years, before their subsequent discovery and conservation over the past century. It includes details of the recent conservation work undertaken this year.

Copies are available for £4.99 from Alan Fawcitt, tel 204024. (All proceeds go towards further conservation work).



The Next Issue: Please send material to the following email address: willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk . Please if possible send your copy as an email attachment NOT incorporated into the email. Paper copy can be left at the library. Please note that the deadline for copy is slightly earlier, **9 December** due to the Christmas celebrations. May we take this opportunity to wish everyone in the village a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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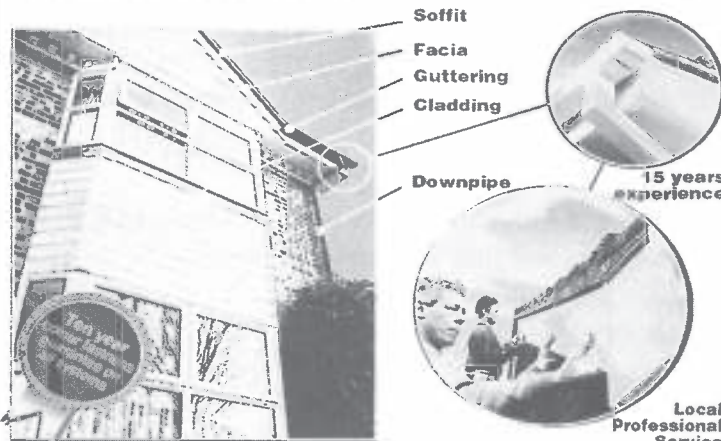
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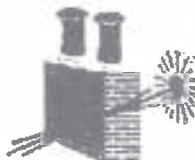
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WAMADS

present



Cinderella

Thursday 8 December and Friday 9 December at 7.30 pm
and **Saturday 10 December**
at **2.30 pm** and **6.30 pm**.

It is a traditional pantomime of magic, music and dance to suit all ages. Come along for a pre-Christmas treat. The last WAMADS show was a sell out so please book early to get the best seats and avoid disappointment.

Prices are **£5** for adults and **£4** for children and concessionary customers. The box office is open now on **261076**.

Oh yes it is!



Willingham Primary School Association

Family New Years Eve Party



Sat 31 December 8:00pm – 1:00am
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From the Parish Council

Parish Council news

The Parish Magazine is one of the Parish Council's main means of letting Willingham residents know what it is doing, what meetings are due – and when there is any consultation on which they would like people's views. It is environmentally friendly to recycle it in your green bin. But if you find your neighbours and friends are recycling it *before* they read it, do remind them that they might be missing something they need to know!

Drainage problems

Anglian Water have replied to the Council's letter about Willingham's drainage system, reported last month. They are currently reviewing the drainage strategy for Willingham, taking into account the recent problems. They will be negotiating with the Environment Agency and Internal Drainage Board over the coming months, and will report on their preferred strategy after that. They are also carrying out a feasibility study on the Haden Way Terminal Pumping Station to see if it needs upgrading.

What a load of rubbish!

There has been a spate of dumping of cans and bottles – and even a small tree – in the Cemetery. The Parish Council is working to ensure that the Cemetery is a safe, peaceful and respectful place for all who use it. If anybody is aware of rubbish being dumped, please could they let the Police and Parish Council if they see any dumping taking place?

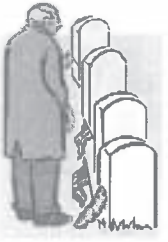
There have also been problems over the dumping of rubbish in the Co-op car park. The Co-op have kindly given the village the facility of using their car park for the recycling bins. However, all sorts of rubbish is being left near these bins, which is not only an eyesore but a health and safety hazard. Please would everyone take note that only those items for which there are containers should be left there – and only if they fit in the containers? There is no facility at the Co-op for recycling cans, which are collected fortnightly from the roadside outside houses from the green boxes. There is also no facility for collecting large panes of glass; bundles of cardboard (which can also be recycled at the kerbside in the green wheely bins), or bags of old cement!



More Cemetery news

The Parish Council is required by law to carry out safety checks from time to time on the gravestones, to ensure that they are stable and not likely to fall on people visiting the Cemetery. If any gravestone is found to be unstable they are required to put warning signs around it, and in certain circumstances to lay it flat, until the family are able to have it stabilised. One of these periodic safety checks is currently in progress. If you have visited a family grave recently and have found warning tape and a notice on the gravestone, or that it has been laid down,

we hope you will understand the reason the Council has had to take this action. For some graves, of course, there is no longer any local family to visit and care for graves. Therefore, after a suitable period of time, if gravestones have not been stabilised and it is not possible to get in touch with the family, the Council will arrange for any such stone which has not already been laid down, to be laid flat on the grave.



The cemetery regulations for the “new” area of the cemetery are framed so that it is possible to maintain it as tidily as possible without excessive cost to the village. For this reason while there can be informal gardens on graves, there may be no stone or wooden structures (including vases or books unless part of the headstone, or kerbing). While families are around to look after gardens they can look lovely; but looking to the future there may eventually come a time when the garden falls into disuse, and the grass-cutter needs to be able to run a lawnmower between the headstones to keep them neat. Clearly this can't happen if there are kerbs or pots in the middle of the plots.

We have been asked to ask families who use weed-killer to help keep their grave gardens tidy, if they would kindly watch where they are applying it, to see that it does not drift on to the surrounding areas and kill the grass that is meant to be there.

Next Parish Council meetings

The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 7 December, 7.30pm, in Willingham Primary School, Thodays Close. The agenda will be posted on 1 December on the notice board outside the Parish Room in the High Street, and in the Library. Council meeting agendas also include a slot for members of the public to speak.

Minutes of past meetings of Committees and the full Council are available for view in the Library.

Housing and Parish Council “surgeries”

As usual, there will also be a joint “surgery” with the Housing Advice Centre on the same day, 10am to 12 noon, at the Baptist Church in George Street, where you can bring any questions or concerns you may have about village matters. However, recently not many people have been using this facility, and the Parish Council would like to know if people would find a different time or venue to hold these “surgeries” more acceptable?

Parish Office

The Clerk is in the Parish Office on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9am to 12 noon, and on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 to 4.30pm. Appointments can be made by calling the office on (01954) 261027. There is an answerphone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.

Willingham Medical Practice

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**Doctors and staff wish you all
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CHRISTMAS 2005 OPENING TIMES

Friday 23 December 8.30am – 1.00pm – Open as usual
3 – 5pm Emergency surgery

Saturday 24, Sunday 25, Monday 26 and CLOSED

Tuesday 27 December

Wednesday 28 December Open as usual

Thursday 29 December 8.30am – 1.00pm only as usual

Friday 30 December Open as usual

Monday 2 January CLOSED

Tuesday 3 January Open as usual

**When the surgery is closed ring CAMDOC on 01223 464142 or
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the recorded message**

In a life threatening situation please ring 999

For medical advice only you may also ring NHS Direct on 0845 4647

**Repeat prescriptions Tel: 01954-260073 Pharmacy Opening
Times as above**

There will be a doctor, nurse and receptionist on duty and we will have dispensing facilities, although requests for repeat prescriptions should continue to be made to the Willingham surgery and the medicines will then be sent over to the Longstanton branch. The branch surgery will have computer and telephone links to the main surgery at Willingham which means that there will be access to all our patient computer records at both surgeries. If you will be using the branch surgery your paper records will be kept at Longstanton but you can still be seen at the Willingham surgery if you need medical attention outside the Longstanton opening hours.

The Health Visitor Team for the area will be based at the new surgery. This is a new venture for us and we hope that the residents of Longstanton will welcome this new facility.

Christmas Lucky Squares available from Reception **£1 each in aid of**

MAGPAS. Numerous prizes including Christmas Hampers, cake, chocolates, bottles and other goodies. Any donations for prizes gratefully accepted.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

Our dispensary staff will be especially busy in the weeks before Christmas. **Please remember to order your repeat medication in plenty of time before the holiday period.** We do need at least **48 hours notice.** **Last ordering date Wed 21 December.**

Remember that neither the CAMDOC out of hours duty service nor the A & E Department at Addenbrooke's can issue your repeat prescription so **please make sure you collect your medicines before the surgery closes on Friday 23 December.** Be prepared and stock up your medicine and First Aid cabinet – ask Neil our pharmacist for advice.

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Monday 2.30-5.30pm

Tuesday - Friday 8.30am - 1.00pm

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Thursday	8.30-1.00	
Friday	8.30-1.00	2.00-6.00

The Fen Edge Twinning Association

How many times have you driven into or out of a town and seen a sign saying: *'This town is twinned with...'* and wondered what on earth that actually means to the people living in that town? Well this could be your chance to find out.

The Fen Edge villages of Cottenham, Landbeach, Waterbeach, Rampton and Willingham are twinned with a French town called Avrille. Avrille is a small town close to the city of Angers close to the Loire valley, just south of Le Mans (famous for the 24 hour car race).

The association has been running for about 8 years now and we have a good number of members, however there is always room for more people to join and become involved. We have a real mixture of members so whether you are single, a couple, a family, young, old, new to the villages or a born and bred local you will find this an interesting group.

The twinning association arrange and take part in annual visits with members of the Avrille group. Once every two years we go to visit them and then in the alternate year members from France come to visit us here.

These exchanges take place over a weekend, usually one of the May bank holidays. Various group activities are planned for the visits giving you a good chance to meet others in the group, both from France and the other Fen Edge villages.

Next year (2006) the French group will be coming to England and we would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in hosting one or more of our French visitors.

This is a chance to get to make new friendships which may lead to extra trips to Avrille to visit your French family – we made a detour on our way home from our main summer holiday this year and stayed with the family we met through these visits. The area around Avrille is well worth a visit – not far from the chateaus on the Loire and the Brittany coast is also within reach.

You don't have to be able to speak perfect French to get involved, however an interest in French and France is useful. This could be just the excuse you have been waiting for to take those French lessons you have been meaning to do. It's also a good way of getting children interested in learning a language.

If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact either Anna Vining 01954 252432 panda@vining.co.uk or Julia Gwilt 01223 570045 julia.gwilt@ntlworld.com

'Puss in Boots' Programme Design Competition

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who entered the competition. There were lots of great cat drawings with creative and colourful designs that really impressed the judge. It was a tough decision but the winners are:

7 years and under Frank Tilley (Over)
8-10 years Liam Crocker (Willingham)
11-14 years Megan Scully (Willingham)
15-18 years No entries

The winners will see their designs used for the show programme cover. All the entries will be on display during the pantomime. Well done everyone!

Honeypot News

The Honeypot preschool would like to invite all pensioners to attend the dress rehearsal of the Christmas Play.

It will be held in the Honeypot Building on Friday 16 December at 2.00pm. Refreshments will also be available for a small donation.

The next Baby and Childrens Nearly New sale will be held on Saturday 25 February 2006. More details to follow.



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We're looking for enthusiastic people to join a network of 170 volunteers offering friendly support and advice on composting to people in their local community. You don't need to be an expert as all volunteers receive full training. The next training sessions will be held in November, for more information call Jane or Jamie on 02476 308202 or email jgriffiths@hdra.org.uk

Crossword Solution

Across: 7 Lucian, 8 Apogee, 9 Larynges, 10 Omar, 11 Arabia, 13 Yeager, 14 Outlet, 17 Shaggy, 19 Tsar, 20 Empathic, 22 Sloops, 23 Isaiah.

Down: 1 Au pair, 2 Viny, 3 Enigma, 4 Ramsey, 5 Yokohama, 6 Menage, 12 Ball-room, 15 Ursula, 16 Theist, 17 Sepsis, 18 Guitar, 21 Thai.



Note from the Editor



Would any budding writers like to submit an article/short story for publication? Does anyone have an interesting point of view on a topic? An interesting job or hobby they would like to share with us? Or just a reflection on life in general. Articles should be a maximum of 500 words. We look forward to hearing from you.

Parish Council Office

Dear Editor

On our recent return to the village after several months away we were astonished and delighted to find the new Parish Office installed in the Ploughman's Hall complete with cheerful, welcoming and efficient Clerk, Christine Couchman. It was a relief to be able to discuss planning problems and other concerns in such a pleasant environment without having to bother individual Councillors at their homes, and also to be able to receive helpful and friendly advice on a drop-in basis whenever it is needed. Congratulations to the Parish Council on this excellent innovation.

Name and Address withheld

Note from Editor – Is anyone else pleased/displeased with a service they receive in the village? Please let us know

Dog Owners

Dear Editor

Can I please request, no beg, that dog owners (especially those who walk near our village school) clear up after their animals? Us parents are encouraged to walk our children to school instead of using the car but it is made

increasingly difficult by having to watch not only for traffic on our roads, but where tiny feet are walking on the pavement. Thank you.

Name and Address withheld

Thank you

Dear Editor

My father, Frank Hayden and I would like to thank all those who kindly sent cards and visited my mother, Iris, during her recent stay in Hinchbrooke Hospital. She has now been transferred to Francis Comfort Ward in Davison House at Brookfields Hospital in Mill Road, Cambridge where she is expected to stay for several weeks. She sends her best wishes and very much appreciates all your kindness.

Paula Jacobs

Did you see anything?

Dear Editor

My husband and I were burgled on Bonfire Night. We went away for a short break but were called back early due to our home being ransacked. My husband's car was also damaged and the wheels removed and stolen.

Can we make a plea to the residents of Willingham who may have seen something and thought nothing of it at the time but did they pass our house on the High Street (just passed Saxon Way) on Bonfire Night and see anybody leaving or notice a white van or even take a registration number?

Whilst writing, may we thank everyone for the kind messages of support and flowers to help us get over this tragic event.

Tony, Anne, Tom, Oliver, Joshua and Elliott Clews.

Restoration Appeal

We were delighted to see so many people at the Quiz Evening at the end of October. It was a cheerful and enjoyable occasion – and it raised a total of £386 for the Restoration Appeal. (In addition, £55 was raised for the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for those affected by the south Asian earthquake.) A lot of hard work went into the event – notably by Sue and Nick West, Alan and Polly Fawcitt and Janet Drinkwater and her catering team – and the Restoration Committee is grateful to them, and to all of you who supported the evening.

It was a pleasant way to end the 2005 programme of events. We are planning more events for 2006, and information about them will appear in later issues of the Magazine.

We still need to raise money to repair the north aisle roof, and to carry out work on the organ.

In the meantime, the cake stall continues. It will be there on Saturday 3 December. Please note, however, that there will be NO cake stall on the first Saturday in January.

For information about the Restoration Appeal get in touch with Bill Kirkman (01954 260393. Email wpk1000@cam.ac.uk).

Christmas Peal

Please note the Church bells will ring from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 10 December 2005.



WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

A Happy Christmas to all our members and friends!

Why not make a New Year resolution to join the Willingham Gardening Club? Membership is currently only £5, we have a monthly meeting, a full programme of outings and the ever popular club holiday in May/June each year. Meetings are on the first Monday of

every month at the Social Club and start at 7.30pm. New members and guests are always welcome.

5 December – Christmas Party (Members free, guests £5.00 booked in advance)



2 January – Growing and Showing Vegetables, speaker Tony Sanderson

Outings

The new programme of outings will start on 8 April 2006. If you have any requests or ideas of Gardens that we could visit, please contact: Linda Horne on 202072 or any committee member.

Twelve Green Tips for Christmas

In this season of goodwill and cheer spare more than a passing thought for your poor old friend the environment and have a greener festive season with these top tips...

- * Do your Xmas shopping with reusable bags and/or reuse those you may be given
- * Use last years cards for gift tags
- * Persuade colleagues to give to charity instead of giving cards
- * Make paper chains from magazines and gift catalogues
- * Get your kids to make tree decorations (salt dough, gingerbread men, polystyrene packing beans on thread... anything goes!)
- * Save wrapping paper for next year, make it easier by tying presents with string. Wrapping paper is not easy to compost as it can contain toxic inks.
- * Potato print patterns onto newspaper with little children to make your own paper
- * Keep gift and cardboard boxes for junk modelling or just playing with!
- * Use hollowed out pumpkins for table decorations with a candle inside and contrasting green foliage hanging out
- * Give someone a tree or dedicate through the Woodland Trust for a long lasting gift
- * Invest in a compost bin and make it your New Year's resolution to recycle even more and make your own garden compost
- * And finally, make your bin man happy and give him a smile and a lighter load to carry!

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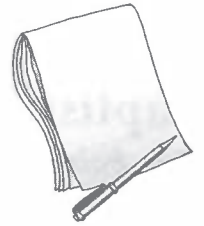


1st Willingham Scout Group Christmas Bazaar

Fun and games, tombolas, raffles and refreshments. To be held in the Public Hall on **Saturday 10 December 10am to 12 noon.** We hope you can join us!

Due to the present scout troop being over-subscribed we have started a new troop which will run on a Friday evening between 6.30pm and 8pm. If there are any boys aged 10½ to 14 years that are interested in joining our new 1st Willingham Pioneer Scout Troop then please contact the Group Scout Leader Marina Deller on 01954 260045

Pastoral Letter



Wrinkles are Hereditary ...

Did you know that? I quote from a book that I once read ...

Wrinkles are hereditary - Parents get them from their children!

If that is true, then our Heavenly Father must have a very interesting collection.

I'm sure that none of them would have emanated from His own dear Son who came to earth in human form and whose birth Christians celebrate in a special way at this time of year. The traditional Christmas story is quite beautiful, and we love to share it and sing those well-known carols as part of our preparation for 25 December each year.

I'm not convinced that we always get the story right. There are certain elements that have been introduced over the years that we don't find in the Gospel records. Have a look for yourself - compare the words of your favourite carols with the readings in Matthew and Luke. Have we any evidence of a non-crying baby or, come to that, of a donkey or an innkeeper or a bleak mid-winter?

Don't jump to conclusions. This publication is for adults. I am not trying to spoil Christmas for anyone, especially children, but should we not try to help our emerging generation to separate truth from fiction at some stage before they decide that the Christmas story falls into the same category as Santa Claus.

You, like me, are apt to believe that the Christmas story is authentic - perhaps not the same version that we learned as children - but I've yet to meet a serious scholar who questions whether Jesus existed.

Probably one way to check out His authenticity is to speak to someone who knows Him personally. What do you think?

Major Willson

Women's Institute.

The next meeting on 12 December is the Christmas Party so please don't forget to bring your knives, forks, plates and glasses. If you have not yet given your name to the Secretary, please let a member of the Committee know, as soon as possible, if you wish to attend.

WI QUIZ NIGHT in the Social Club on 27 January 2006 at 7.30pm.

A maximum of six in a team. Tickets £6.50 including a fish and chip supper. A bar will be available. Please telephone for tickets: Jacqueline Hodkinson (201816) or Rita Slater (203742).



Events at the Churches

Baptist Matters

Meeting Point.

The next meeting is on Monday 12 December and we will be 'Celebrating Christmas'. As usual we shall meet at 2.30pm in the rear hall of the Baptist Church. Please note the change of date. All welcome.

Rendezvous.

Monday 19 December at 2.30pm in the Baptist Church. Mr Paul Ingle and guests will lead a selection of music and carols. All welcome.

Christmas Fayre – 3 December 2005

Our annual Christmas Fayre will take place at the Baptist Church in George Street from 10am until 12noon on Saturday 3 December. It's always a great place to get those special Christmas presents but you're also very welcome just to pop in for a cup of tea/coffee and one of those amazing home made mince pies.

Any profits we make are given away to charity so if you want to help us help others why not come along? Need more information? Phone Lesley Daniel on 01954 261316 or email her at lesley@willinghambaptist.org

Bumps and Babies meet on Thursday mornings 10am to 11.30am in the rear hall of the Baptist Church during term time. This is a chance for new and expectant parents to meet up for a chat and a coffee while the babies play. Do come along and join us.

TOPS meets on Tuesday mornings from 9.45am to 11.15am in the Baptist Church during term time. This meeting is for children aged 18 months to 3 years with their parents/carers for fun activities and refreshments. Please come along and join us.

Open Door.

Come for a coffee (or tea) and a chat on Thursday mornings at the Baptist

Church from 10-11.30am. Everyone very welcome.

WEA Willingham

Will commence on 9 January 2006 on Monday mornings from 10am to approximately 11.45am in the rear hall of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, George Street, Willingham. The next course of ten sessions is 'Medieval Women: a look at ten women who influenced the Middle Ages from Matilda to Margaret Beaufort' and the tutor is Mary Dicken. Fee: £33 full/£23.50 concessions; those on benefits no fee. Please telephone 01954 201816 or 01954 260636 for further information, or come along to the first meeting.

Salvation Army

Thursday Lunch and Friendship Club

The last lunch and friendship club will be on 15 December resuming 6 January 2006.

Willingham Sports Council



At the Annual General Meeting held on 26 October Simon Nunn the Chairman reported that despite the continued hard work of the committee progress has been disappointingly slow this year.

The Sports Council were pleased to report that from our own fundraising events during the past year we have raised £2618.16 and have maintained strong links with other significant funding bodies.

The following officers have been re-elected, Chairman Simon Nunn, Vice-chair Jeff Griggs, Treasurer Sarah Cowley, Secretary Helen Fordham.

Recent fundraising events

Race Night

Once again the spectators were particularly rowdy at the Wooden Horse race night, the evening raised approximately £340 for the Pavilion Fund. The winners of each race, sporting their rosettes, took part in the Grand Final. It was very much a family final with brother and sister Janet Wake and Owen Garner, and husband and wife, Ian and Helen Fordham. Had they been practising?

Ronnie Leach, who is becoming notorious for his alternative techniques, and the previous winner Steven Swann were also in the final. The overall champion jockey was Owen Garner, just beating Janet to the line. Thank you to the sponsors of the races, Terry's Fish and Chips, High Street; Variety and Spice; Ian Fordham, Newmarket; Aspinall and Son, Over Road; Foremans Garage, George Street and Tony Clews. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who came along to support us.

Chocoholics

The chocolate sales from Chocoholics raised £43. £20 of this was spent on chocolate prizes. We also received two boxes of luxury Belgian chocolates all of which were included in the Christmas Bingo. Thanks to everyone who bought some.

Live Band

The B4's live band held in September at the Primary School raised £300. Although numbers were down on previous band nights, Dil the lead singer was on top form entertaining everyone with his crazy costumes and mad antics.



Churches Together in Willingham and Rampton

Services at the Churches during December

WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

Apart from our All Age services (usually the 3rd Sunday of each month) a Sunday School takes place each week at the same time as the morning service. A crèche is also provided at each of our morning services.

4 Dec	10am	Communion
	3.30pm	Songs of Praise followed by tea
	7pm	IMPACT Youth Service
11 Dec	10am	Morning Service
	6pm	Evening service
18 Dec	10am	Family Service – Sunday School Nativity
	6pm	Christmas Carol Service
25 Dec	10am	Christmas Day Family

Songs Of Praise at Willingham Baptist: 4 December at 3.30pm

All your favourite hymns, a cup of tea and a piece of cake!
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4 Dec	11am	Christingle Service
20 Dec	7.30pm	Carol Service

Family Praise is an upbeat service including activities for children of all ages. A crèche is available at 11 am services.

Thursday Praise is a service for those who cannot get to church on Sunday, or who prefer a less traditional service. It takes place on the second and fourth Thursday of every month, at the parish church. If you would like to know more, phone Sue West on 01954 260409.

For Children we now offer children's facilities at all our 11.00 am services. Even if they are too young to crawl, there is a place for them in **Caterpillars**. For children from pre-school upwards **Young Idea** gives them a share in our services and time out for their own activities.

If you know of anyone who is ill, or for some other reason would like a visit, please let the Rector know. Telephone 01954 261225.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HIGH STREET RAMPTON

Every Sunday at 9.30 am Parish Communion

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

4 Dec	10.30am	Keith Todd
	5pm	Bill Matthews
11 Dec	10.30am	Norman Gulliver
	5pm	Norman Gulliver
18 Dec	10.30am	Envoy Bobby Dougherty
	3pm	Carol Service led by Major Cindy Willson followed by refreshments
25 Dec	10.30am	Envoy Bobby Dougherty
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Girl Guides**

The Guide, Brownie and Rainbow leaders of Willingham and Cottenham need your help. We need a volunteer to fill the role of Administrator to work alongside the Secretary, treasurer and team leader.

In Cottenham District there are only 18 leaders running 9 units with approximately 250 girls.

None of these leaders feel they are able to take on another commitment at this time.

The role of District Administrator requires someone who is organised, computer literate and enthusiastic about guiding, essentially the person needs to co-ordinate us by ensuring the information flow from the County headquarters is passed on swiftly and to complete the administrative responsibilities required by County. This will enable your daughters to continue to gain from the opportunities available while they are guiding.

The administrator role does not require a fixed weekly commitment; it is limited to 1 year but can be extended to 3 years and does not involve working with the girls.

If you can, or know someone else who can, support the existing leaders to work together for your daughters and for the County please come forward and speak to your daughters unit guider or phone Elaine Bailey (Divisional Commissioner) on 01223 232962

Thank you
The Leaders of Cottenham District



Collection Dates

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Wednesday 7 December | Green bin and green box |
| Wednesday 14 December | Black bin |
| Wednesday 21 December | Green bin and green box |
| Wednesday 28 December | No collection |
| Thursday 5 January | Black bin and green box |
| Thursday 11 January | Black bin |

Postage stamps can be placed in the box at the Parish Church to be sent to the Leprosy Mission.

Glossy magazines (including Willingham Parish Magazine) should be placed in the green box

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Willingham Social Club

Forthcoming events

Christmas Cash Bingo Sunday 11 December

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Christmas Disco Friday 16 December

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	6.00 pm	-	8.00 pm
Wednesday	Closed		
Thursday	3.00 pm	-	5.30 pm
	6.00 pm	-	8.00 pm
Friday	11.00 am	-	1.00 pm
	3.00 pm	-	5.30 pm
Saturday	10.00 am	-	12.30 pm



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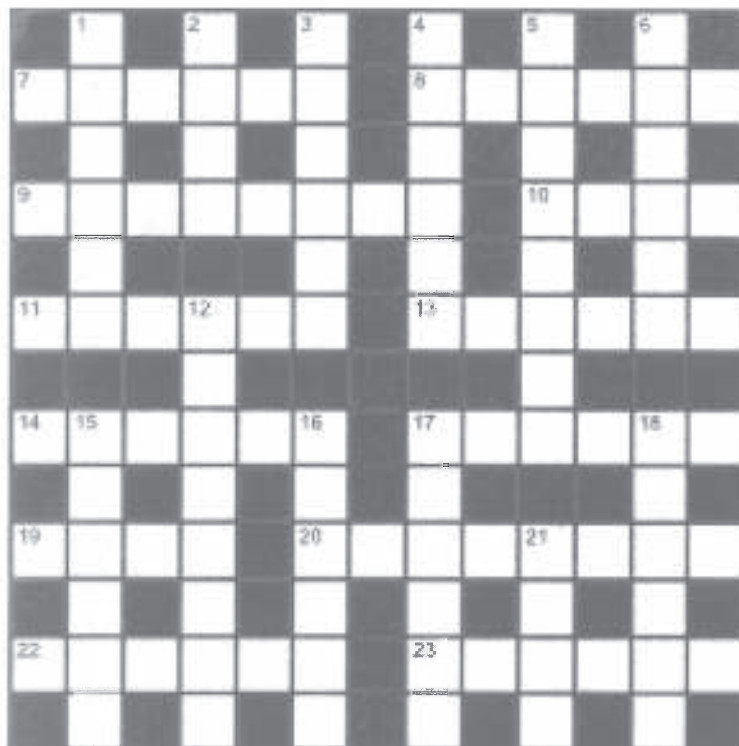
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Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
December 2005				
3	Christmas Fayre	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	10am to 12 noon
3	Christmas Fayre	St Mary & All Saints Church	Octagon	2pm
4	Songs of Praise	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	3.30pm
8,9,10	Cindarella	WAMADS	Ploughman Hall	7.30pm (Sat 2.30pm and 6.30pm)
9	DEADLINE FOR PARISH MAGAZINE ARTICLES			
10	Christmas Bazaar	1st Willingham Scout Group	Public Hall	10am to 12 noon
11	Christmas Cash Bingo	Social Club	Social Club	8pm
16	Christmas Disco	Social Club	Social Club	8-11.45pm
18	Children's Christmas Disco	Social Club	Social Club	
31	New Years Eve Party	School Association	Primary School	Rob Clarke 260775. Tickets from School/Post Office
January 2006				
27	Quiz Night	WI	Social Club	7.30pm tickets 201816 or 203742

Crossword...



Across

- 7 Greek satirist born in Samosata in AD120 (6)
8 Point in orbit when furthest from the earth (6)
9 They contain the vocal cords (8)
10 Stage first name of Michael Shalhoub (4)

- 11 T E Lawrence's adopted country (6)
13 First pilot to break the sound barrier (6)
14 Way of releasing energy or talents (6)
17 Jamaican singer aka Mr Boombastic (6)
19 Nicholas II was the last one (4)
20 Able to enter fully into another person's thoughts and feelings (8)
22 One-masted cutter-rigged vessels (6)
23 Old Testament prophet (6)

Down

- 1 Live-in childminder (2,4)
2 Descriptive of grape-bearing plant (4)
3 Cipher machine subject of 2001 film (6)
4 Huntingdonshire town built around an abbey (6)
5 Japan's largest seaport (8)
6 Management of a household (6)
12 Possible murder location in Cluedo (4-4)
15 Phoebe's twin in Friends (6)
16 Believer in the existence of God (6)
17 Presence of disease-causing micro-organisms in body tissues (6)
18 Musical instrument; famous version made by Fender (6)
21 From modern-day Siam (4)

Answers on Page 8.

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Council	Parish Council		01954 261027	
	Parish Council Chairman	Mrs S.Auger	01954 260567	
	Planning Committee Chairman	Mr P King	01954 260172	
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565	
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235	
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168	
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221	
Services	Police		0845 456 4564	
	Surgery		01954 260230	
	Pharmacy		01954 260073	
	Over Surgery		01954 231550	
	CAMDOC – After hours medical help		01223 464242	
Schools	Primary School		01954 283030	
	Cottenham Village College		01954 288944	
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton	01954 202185	
	School Association	Mrs Anne Clews	01954 202131	
	British School Trust	Mr D.Young	01954 200561	
Children	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567	
	Tigger Toddlers	Mrs W Leaney	01954 201089	
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046	
	1st Rainbow Guides	Mrs S Jones	01954 261036	
	2nd Brownies	Mrs G Balaam	01954 260126	
	Guides	Miss N Bignell	01487 843835	
	Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	Mrs M Deller	01954 260045	
	Ladybird Borland’s School of Dance		01954 203347	
	Geoff Bailey Dancers	Mr G Bailey	01954 260233	
	Tiny Toes (Baby Ballet)	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347	
	FIS Friday Infants’ Service	Mrs J Dean	01223 575698	
	Bumps and Babies Group	Mrs L Daniel	01954 261316	
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers’ Group)	Mrs L Daniel	01954 261316	
Halls	Ploughman Hall Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344	
	Ploughman Hall Bookings		07941 190849	
	Social Club	Mrs S Hart	01954 260764	
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445	
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076	
	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr A Peacock	01954 260294	
	Fen Edge Community Association	Mr G Redhead	01954 288944	
	Cambridge Evening News Correspondent	Mr and Mrs Ingle	01954 260915	
	Workers’ Educational Association	Mrs J Hodgkinson	01954 201816	
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446	
Clubs	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910	
	WAMADS Drama Group	Mrs C Deeth (Secretary)	07746 555050	
		Mrs J Farrer	01954 200515	
	Women’s Institute	Mrs R S Slater	01954 203742	
	Women’s Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 260124	
Sport	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Marston	01954 203001	
	Football Club	Mr Alex Howard	01954 260734	
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446	
	Hockey	Kris Westmore	01954 202082	
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478	
	Keep Fit	Mrs M Fowler	01954 260496	
	Step Aerobics	Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439	
	Bowls Club	Mrs E Halkworth	01954 201830	
Churches	Anglican Church	Rector	Rev. Geoffrey Turner	01954 261225
	Mothers’ Union	Branch Leader	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Minister	Rev. Jonathon Daniel	01954 261316
	Methodist Church	Minister	Rev. Cynthia Hardiman	01954 250242
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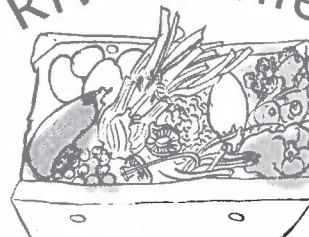
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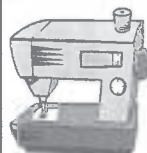
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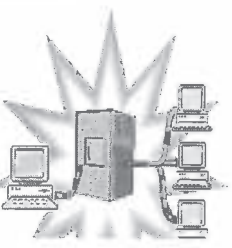
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